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9 **SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

10 In the matter of:

11 VIOLATION REPORT/COMPLAINT FOR THE
IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL
12 PENALTIES, ENFORCEMENT FILE NO.
ER2013.009 AND PERMIT FILE NOS.
13 1985.019.22A, 1985.019.09B; SCOTT'S JACK
LONDON SEAFOOD, INC. AND THE PORT OF
14 OAKLAND

DECLARATION OF SALLY PARSONS

1 I, Sally Parsons, declare:

2 1. I am the Director of Development for Oakland Military Institute College, Preparatory
3 Academy (OMI). OMI is an independent public charter school serving approximately 700 students in
4 grades 6-12 who come from primarily low-income households. I have personal knowledge of the
5 following facts and if called as a witness, could, and would, competently testify thereto.

6 2. OMI was founded in 2001 by Governor Jerry Brown, when he was Mayor of Oakland.
7 Almost all of OMI's students are from the East Bay, with approximately 72 percent residing in
8 Oakland. Approximately 93 percent of OMI's students are minorities.

9 3. As an independent charter school, we rely on fundraising from the community to support
10 a number of our services, programs, and facility enhancements. We also rely on fundraising to support
11 a number of programs crucial to the wellbeing of our students. These include mental health counseling,
12 college counseling, and scholarship support for our students. For the above-mentioned areas, we do not
13 receive funding from Oakland Unified School District and therefore rely on the altruism of families like
14 the Gallaghers to assist us in providing our students with the tools they need to succeed.

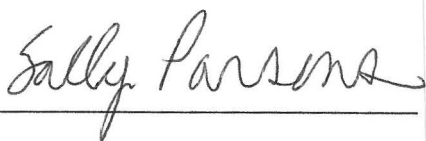
15 4. To support these and other programs, we hold an annual benefit luncheon. This luncheon
16 has often been held in the pavilion at Jack London Square. Each year we host residents, business-
17 owners, members of trade organizations and unions, and others from all around the Oakland area. Our
18 luncheon has served as a crucial opportunity for us to reach out to the community and demonstrate how
19 much their support contributes to the success of our students. Scott's has regularly provided food and
20 drinks at no charge for our events as a charitable donation, and provided use of the pavilion at cost to
21 assist us in being able to afford such a beautiful venue.

22 5. Scott's restaurant and the Gallagher family have shown an incredible level of support for
23 our school over the years. Without access to the pavilion, we would be forced to look elsewhere for a
24 venue that can accommodate our guests, and we would not be able to enjoy the natural beauty of the
25 Oakland waterfront. Many of our participants go on to spend more time at the waterfront after seeing
26 the beautiful locations that Oakland has to offer.

27 6. The need to seek out a new venue, the cost to rent the venue, and the cost to purchase the
28 food and beverages that Scott's donates to our school would seriously hamper our ability to connect

1 with the community and raise the money needed to maintain the level of services and support that our
2 students deserve. We ask that the commission recognize the public service that Scott's performs.
3 Without their past support and assistance in hosting events, at no profit to them we would not be able to
4 serve our students and provide them the critical services and programs they need to become successful
5 adults.

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7 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was
8 executed on this 21 day of January, 2017, at Oakland, California.

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